

**State and County Central Committees  
(Political Party Committees) – Q&A**

**November 4, 2008 Election**

1. *When is a pre-election statement triggered by a political party committee?*

A: A pre-election report is required if the committee makes contributions or independent expenditures totaling \$500 or more to support or oppose **any** candidates, ballot measures, or committees during the pre-election reporting period. A statement is also required if the political party committee receives contributions totaling \$1,000 or more during the reporting period.

2. *A political party committee made a \$5,000 contribution to a committee primarily formed to support a state measure. Must the committee file Form 497 within 10 days?*

A: Yes, the committee must file a \$5,000 Report.

3. *If the committee makes an \$8,000 contribution to a committee supporting two state ballot measures, must the committee file a Form 497 within 10 days?*

A: Yes, the committee must file a \$5,000 Report unless before the filing deadline, it received a written notice from the committee supporting the measures saying that no more than \$5,000 would be spent on a single one.

4. *If the committee makes a \$5,000 contribution to another general purpose committee that is supporting state ballot measures, must the committee file a Form 497 within 10 days?*

A: A \$5,000 Report is triggered if:

1. The committee knows the \$5,000 will be used to support or oppose a single state ballot measure; or
2. The receiving committee has reported online making contributions or expenditures exceeding \$100,000 in the past 12 months to support or oppose a state ballot measure that has not yet been on the ballot. See Regulation 18466.

5. *If the committee makes a \$5,000 contribution to a primarily formed committee supporting a state ballot measure during the late reporting period and files a late contribution report within 24 hours, must the committee also file a \$5,000 Report within 10 days?*

A: The committee must file Form 497 – Part 2 within 24 hours of making the contribution and file with the Secretary of State (electronically and on paper), the Department of Elections for San Francisco and the Registrar-Recorder of Los Angeles County (fax, guaranteed overnight delivery, or personal delivery). On the electronic Form 497 filed with the Secretary of State, the committee may include Part 1 disclosing contributions received from the day after the closing date of the last campaign report filed through the date of the contribution that triggered the Form 497. This will satisfy the requirement to file the \$5,000 ballot measure report under Government Code Section 84204.5 and the late contribution report required under Government Code Section 84203. Do not include Part 1 with late contribution reports filed on paper.

6. *Must a committee that files the online independent expenditure report within 24 hours during the 90 days prior to an election also file the Supplemental Independent Expenditure Report (Form 465)?*

A: Yes. The online independent expenditure report does not replace, but is in addition to, the supplemental independent expenditure report.

7. *Must a Supplemental Independent Expenditure Report (Form 465) be filed if an independent expenditure supports or opposes multiple candidates or measures?*

A: Yes, but only if \$1,000 or more was expended to support or oppose each measure in the independent expenditure. A separate Form 465 must be filed for each candidate and measure supported or opposed.

8. *A political party committee makes independent expenditures on October 3, 2008, to support two candidates that will be on a November 4, 2008, ballot - a candidate for County Supervisor in San Joaquin County and a candidate for State Assembly in Santa Cruz County. The committee spends \$1,500 on each of the candidates. When and where does the committee file Form 465?*

A: The committee must file a separate Form 465 for each candidate by the October 23, 2008, filing deadline, as if it were primarily formed to support each candidate. The Form 465 for the County Supervisor candidate must be filed with the County of San Joaquin (original and one copy).

The Form 465 for the Assembly candidate must be filed with the Secretary of State (original and one copy and, if required, electronically) and one copy with the county with the largest number of voters in the candidate's district. The filing location addresses can be found on the FPPC web site at the following link:

<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/index.html?id=19>

[NOTE: As of January 1, 2008, general purpose committees are no longer required to file with their county of domicile.]

